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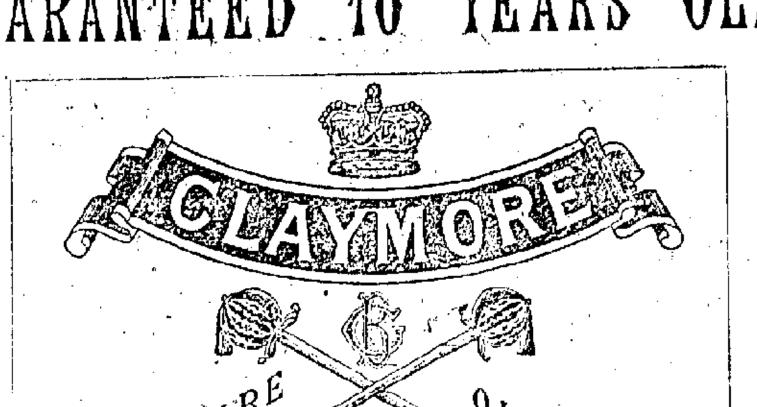
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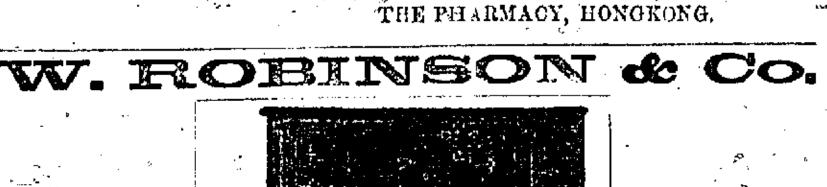
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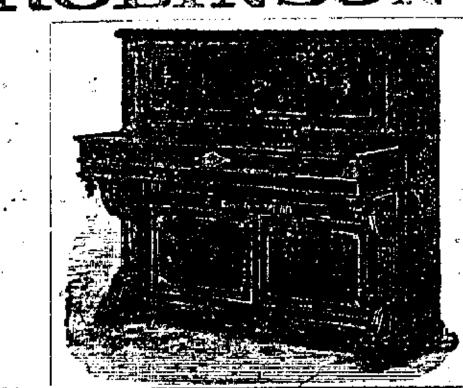
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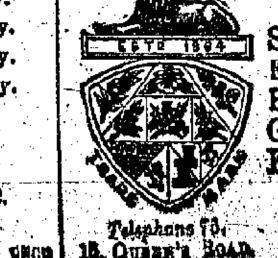
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 By Command, ----J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

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Amoy December 29, at 9 a.m., Ballast .-

December 31.

Hastan, British str., 1,182, J. S. Rosch,

Suliberg, German str., 782, J. Jessen,

Devawongse, British steamer, 1,057, R.

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Hailan, French etc., 377, J. C. Gerard,

Pakhol and Holhow D.c. 30, General,-

DEPARTURES.

December 31.

D. O'Keefe, Yap (Uaroline Island) Dec. 20,

Dagmar, Notwegian str., from Canton.

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Marseilles v. Saigon Salazie (s) Messageries Maritimes Jan. 5, at noon. M'scilles, London, &c. Hakata Maru (s)..... ippon Yusen Kaisha. Jan. 7, at 4 p.m. Moji, Kobé & Y'hama Tamba Maru (s)...... Nippon Yesen Kaisha. Jan. 5, at 4 p.m. Nagasaki, Kobé & Y'ma Verona (s)....... P. & O. S. N. Co...... Jan. 14, at noon. NewYork, v. SuezCana Yarrowdale (a) Snewan, Tomes & Co. About Jan. 5. NowYork, v. Buez Canal Port A lelaide (s)...... Dodwell, Carlill & Co. About Jan. 15. Portland, Oregon, &c. Mogul (a) Dodwell, Carlill & Co. Jan. 1, at noon, San Francisco...... New York....... Shewan, Tomes & Co Quick despatch. 8. Francisco, v. Japa: City of Rio de J'eiro (a) Pacific Mail S. S. C. Jan. 6, at noon. S'hai, v. S'tow & A'oy Fouchow (s)...... Butterfield & Swire ... Jan. 1, at 2 p.m.

S'hai, N'ki, K'be&Y'ma Shanghai (a) P. & U. S. N. Co..... About Jan. 8. S'pore, Penang & C'tta Arratoon Apear (s)..... D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. Jan. 4, at 3 p.m. Straits, Ceylon, &c.... Dermstudt (*).......... Melchers & Co......... About Feb. 15. Swatow, Amoy & T'aui Formosa (s)...... Douglas Lapraik & Co. Jan. 4, daylight, Sydney & Melbourne. Yam ishiro Maru (s) ... Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Jan. 28, at 4 p.m. Tacoma (Wash.), &c... Columbia (a) Dodwell, Carlill & Co Jan 31, at noon. Vancouver (B.C.). & Empress of China (a., Canadian Pine A. Collan, 19, a moon, Yokohamaand Kobé. Chingsha (a)................ Butterfield & Swire... Jan. 2, daylight.

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MAILS will close:-FOR SWATOW. AMOY & STRAITS .-Per Glenfullock, at A.m., on Saturday, the let January. For SWATOW .--

Date of Leaving.

Per Hailan, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st January. For BAIGON .-Per Haiphong, at 9 a.m., on Saturday. the lat January.

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the lat January. TPer Taishun, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st January. F. r YO OHAMA & LOBE -

Per Changelia, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, a the 1st January. For CANTON.-Per Lowan, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 2nd January.

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Per Hunan, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the practice of torture and violence towards 3rd January. For SAMARANG & SOURABAYA,-Per Hupeh at 9 s.m., on Monday, the 3rd January. For HAIPHONG .--

Per Sulberg, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 9rd January. For BANGKUK. ---Per Esang, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 3rd January.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUL-Per Formosa, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 3rd January For EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTI CORIN.

Per Prinz Heinrich, Registration at 7.30 a.m., Letters, &c., at 8 a.m., or Tuesday, the 4th Januay. (Late Latters 8.10 to 8.30 a.m.)

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW Shipping.

Noon.-Mooul leaves for Portland. (O.), &c. Miscellaneous.

Local Banks close. Insurance Offices close. Goods per Ceylon not cleared after p.m. subject to rent.

MEMOS. FOR SUNDAY. Shipping.

Daylight.—Hupeh leaves for Tegal. Daylight. - Haiphong I saves for Saigon. Daylight .- Haitan leaves for Swatow. Daylight .- Changsha leaves for Y'hams,

Miscellaneous. Goods per Thimes not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Miscellaneous. Interest payable by Commissioner of Customs, Uenton, on Imperial Kwangtung Loan of 1894.

Interest Warrants of \$5 on Shares of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., payable.



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At the General Hospital, Penang, on the 15th Dec., James WILLIAM KENNEDY, of Gula Estate, Perak, son of Charles Kennody, Durateies. Aged 22. At the General Hospital, Singapore, on the 19th Deci, of enteric fever, W. R. WEBB, of the Kampong Glam Government English School. Aged 28.

On the 23rd Dec., at the Osaka Hospi tal, the Wife of Captain P. C. FULLERY.

The Thina Mail.

Mongkong, priday, december 31, 1897.

THE STATE OF SPAIN. Let us take the case of The Philippine Islands. It is similar to that of Cuba except that Philippine demands for reform are not nearly so far reaching. They would be satisfied with: 1°. The expulsion of the Spanish friars. 2. Laws inhibiting the unconvicted prisoners—banishment or other punishment without trial or sentence and arrest without warrant signed by a civil judge. 3°. A free pardon to all implicated in the present rebellion with restoration of their confiscated properties. These demands are surely reasonable enough, and is there any chance of their being conceded? I no means, for Spain has not yet lost al hope of being able to thrash the Philippine islanders into submission. If Spain is fortunate enough to pacify Cuba, the probabilities of success for the Philippine rebels will be very small, for all her energies and material resources can then be concentrate against the Philippine rising. The 28,000 Spanish troops already there are, so far proving to be sufficient. If they are retained there from year to year they will eventually do more harm than good. . Under the existing short-sighted policy every facility given to those who wish to remain in the Colony. Many will be allowed to complete their term of military service in the civil guard, carabineer and other corps, and settle down to civil life with the result that the next generation of that effervescent class-the half-casts-will be replenished. The two rebel leaders, Emilio Aguinaldo and Llanera, really hold no distric absolutely. Their followers, at most are wandering bands, hard pressed for provisions, without one decisive point gained. exhibit great pluck. The last encounter of importance took place three months ago Aliaga, where the Spaniards suffered severe losses, and Geeral Nuñez was so badly wounded that he had to relinquish the command on the field. The Spaniards report that Europeans were fighting on the rebel side, and from private sources I learn that Spanish troops have gone over to the enemy. It is natural enough. The Spanish Government send out the boys (for onethird of the last contingent had not reached manhood) against their will, and then fail to keep to the bargain. Up to seven weeks ago the Spanish troops had two months ar

condition being that their lives will be saved and their properties restoved. So long as the rebels are content to operate at a respectable distance from Manils, the centre of European interest and influence, the home government will never resolve to strike at the root of all evil in

Nevertheless, one may safely credit

Señor Sagasta and his colleagues with

that colony by expelling the friars.

rears of pay due, and an old British resi-

dent, whom I have known sixteen years,

writes me that soldiers were to be seen.

begging in the streets of Manila. I have

reports that trade goes on as usual, except

that it is somewhat fettered by a new im-

port duty of six per cent ad valorem on all

merchandise entered. As yet the rebels

only hold their own in an extremely small

area, and I am inclined to think the rebel-

lion cannot last over the coming dry season.

In fact, we just hear that the rebel leaders

have offered their submission, the principal

genuine intentions and a frank desire to ameliorate the condition of the people both at home and in the colonies, for the sake of peace. One has to live in Spain to realize how difficult it is to uproot traditional evils and prejudices in an ignorant people. What a stupendous task it will be to enforce integrity and morality into that public service in Cuba which is to remain under Spanish control! All the unscrupulous class of office-scekers will be arrayed against his best efforts. It would be easy to issue a decree expelling the friars from the Philippines, but who can define the limits of the storm it would raise amongst the middle and lower classes and even thousands of the best families, slaves to Sagasta government something has been large rats capered freely about. strategist in Cuba will, I can personal be shricked out, Ramon, they ly affirm, be amply compensated by his going to kill me. Finally he large-hearted compassionate nature. We taken before a judge, No formal Cuba thoroughly both as a soldier and as broken into and effects smashed up by the Ward, do Xmas 1837. Price, \$1.00. 2109 08-Governor of a province. The Segenta Police. Another in Medrid was Francisco W. Robinson & Co.

government had not been four weeks in Navarro of the Calle, do los Embajadores office whon a Royal Decree was issued, On the plea of anarchism hundreds of Rico press prossoutions.

Romero Robledo, the loguacious ex-

Minister who attacks every other political

creed, in his speech of the 8th Nov. in Madrid, said 'The government is already trembling before the manifestations which public opinion in the peninsula is proparing against it.' We can accept that only as party claptrap. For the present, at or sentence. A personal friend of mine, least, the prospect of a well-organized pur- José Velez Garcia, was banished and imliamentary opposition when the Cortes prisoned simply for being the son of his reassemble, is hardly to be feared. There father, the Cuban rebel leader Calixto is no one to take the place of the late Garcia. My friend, who was a government Canovas del Castillo, His views were official, arrived in Barcelona and went to ultra-Conservative, almost despotic, verging on one-man rule. The leader of the most important dissentient offshoot, styled Liberal Conservatives, is Silvela. When the Liberals came into office it was foreseen that they were likely to have things very much their own way without serious opposi- Morocco, whence he was lucky enough to tion. General Martinez Campos came for. escape about three months ago. ward as the mediator between the Conservative factions. He had been prime minister himself and fell from power with an irretriovable crash. He is such a butterfly politician that I hardly know whether to account him a Liberal, a Conservative or what. His six months in Cuba in 1895 ended in naught, and he had recently declined the governor-generalship of the Philippines. The Porto Rico command is too small for him. He holds a marshal's batton, so with his prestige and satisfied ambition he was perhaps the man most aproposas intermediary between the conflicting conservative elements. For the purpose of bringing them to a mutual understanding he met in conference the president of the Senate, Senor Elduayen, Silvela, Azcarraga and others. In a stirring speech, full of energy and patriotic pathos, he appealed to all present to waive their differences and exercise a grand effort to The M. M. Co.'s s. s. Yarra, with the pull smoothly together in the same political boat. General Azcarraga was named president of the Conservative Directorate and each party retired to consider the situation. Silvela, however, could not come to turms. Within a few days-at the end of October-Elduayon; Linares Rivas and the Duke of Tetuan separately withdraw. The Directorate resolved nothing. It is most probable that Silvela will become the future leader of the Conservative party. The line of policy inaugurated by the late When they do meet the Spanish forces they | Canovas is far too austere and dictatorial for the times we live in and is likely to die The s. s. Chelulra, from Calcutta and a natural death. On a previous page I have alluded to those measures adopted by the late government which threatened to constitute a reign of terror. Expression of public opinion was stiffed except in such formidable institutions as the Republican Union. Small meetings of the middle classes were constantly raided by the police

> police station. These cases were so frequent and notorious that there was a growing feeling of personal insecurity. As an instance, I will cite only one sample case reported in full detail in El Liberal of the 29th Sept. last. In the town of Tetuan, province of Madrid, a respectable citizen Vicente Marina, was in bed when he heard a loud knocking at his door. Half dressed he jumped up to see who it was when rushed a number of men calling out 'That's

with excessive violence. The obnexious

Consumos tax (levied upon commodities)

was largely increased and rented out to

band of ruffians who, through their agents,

assumed tyrannical authority over the peo-

ple, giving rise to open riot in many towns,

especially in Madrid itself, where the troops

mob. On the pretext of anarchism no

man's life or property was safe. On the

declaration of any low irresponsible in-

former the secret police would forcibly

enter the premises of any peaceful citizen,

arrest him and torture him. He would

then find himself arraigned before a judge

indisposed to listen to his defence and

finally purchase his freedom in the form

liked with impunity. Quito recently a car-

ter, arrested for blocking up the public

way with his cart, was kicked to death in a

' Who is it?' asked Marina. 'The Governor's delegate. You are arrested. What is your name?

'Vicente Marina,' was the reply. 'That's he. Tie up the blackguard. He was taken to his room and told ' No you are going to tell the truth. Where the dynamite? 'What dynamite?' enquired Marina, and so after a series of questions on matters of pure invention he was taken to the back of the house and told to kneel down to be shot. The threat was not carprejudice, ignorance, religious superstition | ried out, but he was marched to prison, and priestly influence? I am personally where he mot six other similar victims. acquainted with many highly respectable They were all cast into dark dungeons, families who would surely join in the flooded with water, for the day. Then outcry. Even in this short existence of the they were transferred to another in which gained for the cause of humanity. What- the adjoining cell there was a prisoner ever General Blanco may lack as a who had gone mad, and all night shall hear no more of authorized wholesale cusation was brought against him. In due atrocities. The appointment, as Chief of course he was allowed to return to his town the Havanna division, of my old friend but could not get into his house which was General Genzalez Parrado-my companion taken possession of by the civil guard. on many occasions and under very varied | Many others have been treated in the same circumstances in and out of Europe—is, in way. Claudio Siguero was also of the town itself, a positive guarantee against oruel of Tetuan. In Madrid Francisco Verdugo. persecution. Radical in opinion, he knows 146 Calle de Bravo Murillo, had his abode

dated Nov. 1st, annulling Cuban and Porto innocent persons of broad liberal views were persecuted under the auspices of the Canovas government. The fortress of Montjuich, in Catalonia, has been crowded with them. Whatever their ideas may be their innocence of any overt act was so patent to the present go. ... hent that lately 103 were liberated. They had all been arbitrarily incarcorated without trial Bilbao, where he was immediately arrested at the house of his brother-in-law, an American, Mr W .-- (whom I also know). He was conducted to Cadiz, thence to Málaga and finally sent over to the prison of Chalarinas Island, off the coast of

LOCAL AND GENERAL

(To be Continued.)

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.) OUTWARD BOUND :- Norman Isles, Nov. 10; Titania, 26; Senta, 30; Benlarig, Ghazes, Dec. 9; Argyll, Irene, 7; Amphitrite, Deike Rickmers, St. Ronald, Nestor, Ataka Maru, 10; Shanghai, 14; Glengarry, 17; Ningchow, Preussen, Prometheus, 21; Carmarthenshire, Maria Valerie, 24; Syd. ney, Cam, Tiger, 28.

HOMEWARD BOUND :- Sumatra, Nov. 19: Socotra, 26; Macduff, 30; Glenurtney, Dec. 7; Coverie, 10; Maria Rickmers, St. Vinian, 21; Menelaus, Wally, 24; Bayern, Marie Jebsen, 28.

The O. & U. s. s. Gaelic, with the AME-RICAN MAIL of the 7th Dec., left Yokohama on Sunday, the 26th Dec. and may be expected here on or about. Sunday, the 2nd January.

FRENCH MAIL of 3rd December, left Singapore on Monday, the 27th Dec., at 11 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 3rd Jan. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Oct.

The P. M. s. s. City of Peking, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 18th

Steamers Expected.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Diomed left. Singapore on the morning of 25th... Doc., and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 2nd Jan., 1898. Straits, left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. on the 25th Dec.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. Columbia has arrived at Yokohama and sails for Kobo and Hongkong on the 23rd Dec. The a. s. Glenesk, from New York and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Sunday morning, the 26th Dec.

The C. M. Co.'s str. Pindsuey, from Swansea and Liverpool, left Singaphre for this port on the afternoon of 27th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Jan. The E. & A. str. Australian, from Sydney,

&c., left Port Darwin on the 27th Dec. for this port. The R. L. s. s. Deike Rickmers, from Antwerp and Hamburg, passed the Canal. on the 7th Dec., and may be consi-

dered due at Singapore on the 29th were called out and charged the indignant The C. M. Co.'s str. Ningchow, from Glasgow, passed the Canal about 19th Dec., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 7th Jan. The N. P. Co.'s s. s. Olympia sailed from

Yokohama for Portland, Or., on the The N. Y. K. s. s. Hakata Maru left Kobe, via Moji, for this port on the 28th Dec., and is expected to arrive here

on the 6th Jan. Latest Advices.

of fees. The police could do what they The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Tantakus, from Liverpool, left Singapore at noon, the 30th Dec., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, 4th Jan.

It is alleged that a German-speaking Japan-

ese soldier of the Shimonoseki garrison has

been arrested and charged with revealing military plans to a specified German el ip. A recrease is being considered for the establishment of a Russian Naval School on

the Siberian coast with a special view of training officers for the Pacific squadron.

A DIVIDEND of not less than 10 per cent. is expected to be declared at the Yokohama Dock Company's general meeting on January 22. There are many more applications for work to be done than the Company can at present cope with.

THE distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Baxter Mission Girls' School took place on Wednesday afternoon, in the new school room, in presence of a goodly number of ladies. After the children had sung a few hymns in good style, the younger Chinese girls sang one or two 'action pieces (kindergarten) in a most creditable manner. Mrs Jackson then distributed the prizes. Rev. Mr Bannister, in thanking those present for their attendance, said that the beautiful new school-room was already paid for, and grateful thanks were due to Mrs Jackson, Mrs Stewart Lockhart, Mrs Wright and other ladies for collecting the money required; to Mrs Siebs, for giving several prizes; and to Mr Palmer, for superintending the building of the Bohool-room

VESSES AT THE DOCES :-- At Kotoloon-H.I.G.M.S. Mosve, Oslo, Lycemoon, Her-

Aberdeen .- (None). Composition .- West York, Ingraban;

Tax annual sports of the Taikee Refinery Club will take place at Quarry Bay to- de Louz, against F. A. Pearson, overseer morrow. A Waren-night Service will be held in the

Union Church to-night, commencing at quarter past eleven o'clock.

THE second of the representative matches between Stoddard's Eleven and All Australia commences at Melbourne to-morrow.

A JAPANESE native paper states that France has officially made a demand to the Japanese Authorities for the cession of the Peacadores as a naval station. The state--ment is generally discredited.

THE Post Office will be closed on New Year's Day and Monday, the 3rd January, except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for Reak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The night box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be entirely | plague in Bombay. closed on both days.

To-mornow being the first day of the New Year, there will be no issue of the China Mail. On Monday, publication will commence about 2 p.m., and advertisers are therefore requested to send in advertisements early in the morning to ensure insertion-in Monday's issue. In closing the work of another year, we take this opportunity of wishing our readers A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Ar yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, as no complaints had been received that the butchers in Kowloon suffered from the closing of the cattle depôt at Kowloon, the Medical Officer of Health moved, seconded by the President, that the cattle depot at Kowloon remain closed until further report was received from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. The motion was carried.

A warren in the Ostasialische Lloyd says; -4 The South Shantung mission is the only German Mission in China, a lost corner of the empire where the banner of Germany has been held aloft up to the time of this terrible disaster.' Surely this is a mistake. What about the Basel Mission? And what I about the outrage in the Fokien Province, Bain, and A. H. Mancell so promptly revenged at the instance of the German Government in 1896?

_ IT is stated by a Singapore journal that from Singapore to Hongkong, a distance of o about 1,450 miles, the Powerful is to be run with her propelling machinery as near full power as possible; and it is anticipated that she will make the passage in about three days, which will give an average speed statute miles. If she does this against the mousoon, it will be good going.

the Colonial Surgeon, Penang, and Municipal Health Officer, on further examination considered the case of the African fireman shipped at Bombay, who was re-· ported sick with slight but suspicious symptoms on 13th, the day after leaving Colombo, to be one of 'aborted plague.' The man on the symptoms being first observed on board, was at once isolated.

THE outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has seriously affected the milk supply of the Colony. Mr Kenndy's two depôts have now been closed, and to prevent the further spread of the disease a large number of Chinese cowsheds have been shut up. It is very fortunate, however, that the Dairy Farm's stations have been declared free of the disease, and the Company are now prapared to give a full supply to their numerous customers.

Our readers may remember the announcement some time ago of the issue of a native Japanese newspaper at Taiwaufee. We learn that both the editor and the contributor of a paragraph criticising Government officials in Formosa are now languishing in prison, where they will continue to languish for two and three months respectively. If criticism of Government officials mittee. were a crime in Hongkong, we are afreid the supply of prison editors would speedily become exhausted.

THERE is a wonderful silence in the Japanesc press, regarding Japan's probable ac tion in the event of an actual partition of China, by the European Powers. Japanese Government is in constant tele- W. Robinson & Co. graphic communication with its Ministers abroad, and is obviously waiting further developments before manifesting its policy; and it is a safe assumption that the Japan- leum oil on fire, and, finding it was comments which might lead to ill-will with any of the Powers.

ABOUT one o'clock to-day (says the Singapore Free Press of the 21st inst.) an urgent and the crew numbered 15. Her registelegram was received from Admiral Bullor at Hongkong ordering the Grafton to proceed with all despatch to that Port. All the officers and men are ordered to be on board by seven o'clock to-night, and the vessel leaves at eight o'clock. The torpedoboat destroyers Fame and Whiting are overhauling their boilers, and it is consi- for the ship's use. Some was spilled and dered probable that, if the Edgar is also took fire. This set fire to some wooden ordered up to Hongkong, in anticipation of staging in the engine room, and, since the the arrival of the Powerful here, they will was, of course, impossible to work the go on in convoy of the Powerful reference to the latter vessel, it now turns be allowed with a passenger vessel. out that, during the voyage from the Cape to Singapore, her condensers went wrong | Wonxe planned by the Moji Ironworks for and she therefore went into Colombo. steaming into that Port at alk knots. She has now made good her defects and leaves of reising the mercentry now capital at fat giblebote to-des.

THE charge of assault preferred by Francis with P.W.D., was dismissed, to-day, by Mr H. E. Wodehouse, at the Magistracy.

the two steamers about which so much trouble has arisen in the Bennertz case. over the one there.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS. [SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, 29th December, 1897. DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT. M. Pichon, the French Minister at Rio

Janeiro, has been transferred to Peking. RECRUDESCENCE OF THE PLAGUE

IN BOMBAY.

BYE ELECTION.

Lord Charles Beresford, the Unionis Candidate, replaces the late Sir Frank Lockwood as member for York City.

[This is a Unionist gain: At the General Election of 1895, Mr Butcher (Conservative) was elected at the top the poll, with Sir F. Lockwood (Liberal) as his colleague, the defeated candidate being Mr E. Pease, -ED., C.M.

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF CRETE. Russia proposes Prince George Greece for the Governorship of Crete.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory :--

On the 31st at 11.30 a. Pressure is normal in the South, and in defect on the China coast where a further fall of the barometer has occurred. Gradients slight generally. Forecast:-moderate N.E. winds; misty, some light rain.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-WAYS CO. LTD.

The thirteenth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd., was held to day at the Company's Registered Offices, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, Mr Hart Buck presided. The others present were :- Messra J. Orange [and C. Ewens (Consulting Committee)] H. Humphreys, H. Wicking, G. Murray Mr H. Humphreys read the notice

convening the meeting. The Chairman said, Gentlemen, The report has been in your hands for several days, so with your permission I will take it as read. You will be pleased to find that our returns are steadily increasing, and we are this year able to pay a dividend of ? per cent, against 6 per cent, last year. think I can safely say that almost everything points to a continued steady increase in our earnings, particularly as the new road now in course of construction will rather over 20 knots per hour, or 23t open up Magazine Gap and its locality to the Tram service. The closing of the Mount Austin Hotel has, of course, been a loss to us since 1st October, but when it is again inhabited we expect to more We learn says the Singapore Free Press that than recover any loss that has been sustained. I do not, however, wish shareholders to take too sanguine view of the future for we must bear in mind that with the low exchange one of the principal items of our expenditure, that is the cable, costs us about 1 more than it did when we first took the management of the Company. The price of coal also has considerably increased and we do not anticipate any reduction of prices for some time to come. At the same time we feel confident that shareholders will continue to receive a

steady return on their investments. Before moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions. Mr Murray Bain-Can you tell us anything-about what arrangements you have

made with regard to a new superintendent for the Company ? The Chairman-I am pleased to say that we have appointed who we consider a very good man as superintendent in place of our late superintendent. That is Mr C. B Buyers, who is at present acting as chies engineer on the Fushun. He is a gentleman well known to nearly everyone on the coast, and particularly by some of the prominent residents in Hoogkong. He has been particularly recommended to us.

and I think we have been very fortunate in getting his services. No further questions being asked, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the re-

port and passing-of the accounts. Mr Murray Bain seconded. The Chairman-I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Mr C. Ewens

and Mr J. Orange as Consulting Com-

Mr Mancell seconded.

The Chairman-That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen. To-morrow being a bank holiday, we will issue the dividend warrants on Monday morning. Thank you for your attendance.

Local Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1.00.-

THE Times of Ceylon states that H.M.S.

Edgar encountered the s. s. Edenmoor. of Newcastle, with her cargo of petroese press is being restrained from making impossible to save her, the crew was rescued and put sshore at Aden. was, however, seen that the Edenmoor was in the fairway of vessels, so with some difficulty she was riddled with shot and sunk. The Edenmoor was in charge of Captain George C. Laurenson, tered tonnage was 2,000, and the port registry Newcastle. She was bound from Batoum to Karachi, and had cargo of refined petroleum oil, 112,480 cases of 4 gallons each. The owners of the vessel are Messrs Walter Runciman & Co., and the consignees of the cargo the Bombay Oil Company. It appears that the fire broke out through one of the crew going to the engine-room to draw some oil With pumps. Of course, for a ship to be constructed in such a dangerous way would not

> the construction of two docks, capable of accommodating vessels up to 7,000 tons. have been suspended owing to the difficulty Protent - Hime News

THE UNSETTLED STATE OF

TONKIN. PARTIAL STOPPAGE OF TRADE.

Private advices from Hanoi state that WE hear that Mr A. R. Marty has bought | tled condition. Chinese merchants from of spectators, amongst whom were Major-It is also believed the trouble is over, and that stoppage of trade with the provinces. Secretary. Aggood game was expected, have been broken up.

THE PHILIPPINE REBELLION.

A BENSATIONAL RUHOUR. It is stated that the Spanish steamer Uranus, at present in Hongkong Harbour, There is a serious recrudescence of the has been chartered by the Spanish Government to convey Emilio Aguinaldo and a party of the robel leaders to a place of safety'; that Aguinaldo and his compatriots are now in Hongkong; and that they are to receive a sum of a million and a they are to receive a sum of a million and a many goals as they inted. As it hap-half of dellars through the Hongkong and pened this was the only point scored Shanghai Bank,

> We publish the rumour for what it is worth. We have endeavoured to obtain information on the matter from reliable sources, but our enquiries have failed to eligit either confirmation or contradiction.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR That one is tempted to make retrospective glances at the end of a year, but after better and more wholesome thing to do. That politically, we have been doing a great | by Wilson and Ritchie were thrown away East, and but little of our British action is at yet visible.

That when one remembers the fact of our nossession of Hongkong for over half a century, and that so little has been done to open up Southern China, the result rather tells against our vaunted spirit of enterprise. That the mineral resources of South China

still lie dormant, although practically at our very doors, and yet the Chinese Govenment looks as if either bankruptcy or disruption were soon to overtake it. That there can be no question our policy of non-intervention and complacence has proved to be a failure, and has undoubtodly served the Chinese people very That Russia, Germany and France have

apparently resolved to adopt a more de- him. eided and practical policy -some call it a predatory attitude, -although little well authenticated nows reaches us. That beyond the feeling, which seems to

be general, of our determination to secure a naval base up North, to look after the Yangteze Valley, and to take the Two Kwang under our wing, no new developments can be safely predicted. That, as I have repeatedly said, there is little likelihood of real trouble arising out of the proposed forward movements of the Continental Powers in China. That if the British Government is forced

to take action by way of securing rights to counterbalance those of other nowers. I believe the possibilities and probabilities have been all duly weighed. That in wishing the Chinese Government a happy New Year, one can scarcely refrain from the remark that the High Authorities have themselves to thank for

most of their troubles.

hat the extension of the Hongkong bounoverlooked or overshadowed by the larger possibilities which now present them-

That the Christmas season has been preeminently festive, and I hear that the well-to-do attitude of the residents is an indication of the presence of sound financial conditions, spite of the depreciated

That our Governor leaves us just one month hence, and I hear several proposals were made by way of a 'sand off.' That it was at first proposed to give a St. George's Ball, but this would have left out the Scotch and Irish residents, so it was abandoned. That subsequently it was suggested all

nationalities should join forces, and give His Excellency a big farewell ball. That it soon became known the Governor purposed giving a 'farewell' dance at Government House, and the idea of giving a public ball was consequently

That I believe the 'farowoll' will now take the form of an address from the Community, to be presented in the City Hall before the Governor's embarkation. That there is no end to the power money, and if your news be correct

about the million and a half dollar presentation to the leading insurrectionaries of the Philippines, a fresh instance becomes apparent as to what strange things a dangerous tendency to duck by C. T. money can accomplish. That one is sorely tempted to criticise the

part taken in this alleged transaction by the payers as well as the payers. That they do things very differently, under Spanish rule, from what would be done under British administration, so perhaps the least said the somest mended That it may now be taken for granted the great-little Synagogue case is the most

-protracted in the history of the Hongkong Supreme Court. That as yet no one has anything to do with its merits save 'my Lord the Chief Justice,' and it is pretty clear he will have to devote some time in wrestling with the product of the sixteen-days'

proceedings.

That it may be said the Zicawei Observamurvellous system of storm signals, but if they protest (or forecast) too much, it certainly shows a most laudable desire to meet the requirements of the shipping interest. That the so-called storm-warnings in vogue

in Hongkong are, in comparison of those of Shanghai, utterly beneath contempt. Mhat I heartily wish all your well-wishers. and even all our enemies (if we have

A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. BROWNIE.

Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1.00. -W. Robinson & Co.

THE Singapore Free Press of the 20th inst. says :- H.M.S. Edgar, Capt. King Hall. cher. Linnet and Peacock, of the China early this morning, having been detained at Colombo by an accident to the maphinery of one of the torpedo destroyers | trip in the time stipulated in the mail comshe is convoying to Hongkong.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. v. KOWLOOK F.C. This match was played at the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon in favourable

the country round Hanoi is in a very unset- | weather. There was a fairly large concourse the surrounding districts are afraid of General Black, Commodore Holland and travelling to the capital, and there is a page Hon: J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Mr Jack leaves shortly to Shanghai to take | Merchants will not order goods in large | and additional interest was given to the quantities; and appear to be waiting for game by the fact that this was the first the restoration of order and the reasser- meeting of the Clubs this season. Since tion of the power of the Executive. Small they last met, both teams have undergone bands of robbers are still raiding the country | material alterations, and it is generally districts, but the large predatory gangs supposed that both are now stronger. Those who expected to see a first-class exhibition of 'socker!' were sadly disappointed. At the outset, the Kowloon forwards indulged in short sharp passes and speedily worked the ball down to the Club goal.

miss-kick by C. T. Kew (who was playing

at back) let the Kowloon centre forward

in, and he banged the ball into the not

Davis (the Club custodian) failing to reach the ball, which cannoned unfortunately off Mayson, the other back. A goal within the first minute's play sont up the spirits of the Kowloon supporters. who imagined that all their mon had to do was to trundle the ball ong and score as throughout the game. For the first period, Kowloon kept the ball almost continually voice in the language of the Hindoo in Club territory. Their combination however, was far from perfect, and num erous chances were thrown away foolishly. It must be said, however, that the Club defence was fairly strong. Mayson played exceedingly well at back, and F. H Kew. Looker and Slade played hard at halfback, although Slade and Kew were scarcely at their best. The forwards were lifeless. In the second period, the play was more evenly divid-Kowloon held the upper hand all, looking forward is probably the in the earlier portion, but showed an utter lack of combination in front of goal, and the numerous chances given the forwards deal of forward-gazing in this Farther As the game progressed, the Club forwards improved. Mackay on the right wing and Danby on the left put in some welcome dashes of spirited play, especially Danby, who was opposed by Kowloon's weakest half-back (Smillie). Had Danby and Noble sent the ball hard across the goalmouth the Club should have scored about this time; but too often they allowed themselves to be robbed by the opposition backs. Twice, with the ball hobbing about in the goalmonth, it looked any odds on the Club equalising, but the goalkeeper (Burrell) saved well. For carrying the ball on one occasion, the Kowloon goalkeeper was This was altogether a wrong decision, and it would have been very unfortunate for Kowleen had the Club scored. As it was, Looker, in trying to avoid the goalkeeper, kicked against and Burrell saved luckily the expense of a corner. It may have been that the referee, who discharged his duties exceedingly well from start to finish. saw an infringement of Rule 13 which was not palpable to the spectators, "but the

receiving a penalty kick. Just before the finish the Kowloon players played with more dash, Ritchie, Board and Winch being mainly responsible for the improvement in the play, but Davis and Mayson defended well and no further scoring The game was a disapointing one. Much was expected at Kowloon, and they fell far below expectations. - Still, they were best side; and with more practice together, will improve upon previous parformances none too strong. resource when pressed. Kowloon's strength | loud voice, 'Reform, Reform.'

Their backs were tested lay at half-back. Ritchie was by far i to finish. Some hints from him and for years, and knew that it was rotten. adaptation to his style of play would, help fancy Head (the Club centre forward) suf disappointing. Duncan, whilst playing a the best opportunity to get away. right wing had most of the play in the first half, but its combination was never so good as that on the left. The goalkeeper is a first-class man, good alike with hands or foot. Davis did not have much to do in the Olub goal considering that Kowloon pressed for two-thirds of the game. What he got to clear he got away all right. could not have saved the goal scored by Duncan. Mayson at back and Danby forward were the best men on the Club side. Mackay had the misfortune of being pitted against Ritchie, and it is no disparageof Mackay's play, it was at times, to say that he not good enough for Ritchie. The Club was lucky in getting off so cheaply, but the team will play with more confidence when they next meet Kowlcon. It was a pleasant. blemishes being an inexcusably frequent use of hands by Smillie (Kowloon) and

JAPAN's new gold coins are not popular in

Kew (Hongkong).

ship) is expected to arrive in Singapore Peace be unto thera. about January 5th. She brings two officers and 85 men of the R.A.; eighteen N.C.O.'s and eight rank and file of the R.E.: two officers, 113 N.C.O.'s and mon of the West Yorkshire Regt.; 1 Warrant Officer. N.C.O.'s and men of the Medical Staff Corps, and one N.C.O. of the Gymnastic

portions of the barracks now being occupied Great Queen; many of those who got by the German force at Klao-chow, were silver said, Of a truth we should have had, nothing but a trust as it was possible to lying ready for transportation in Shanghai gold, and those who got none said. Behold | imagine any transaction of that sort. before the massacre of the missionaries, those who have done nothing have been suggesting that the occupation was previously planned and prepared for. This is and excitement among the young people. precisely our view of the case, and it is But the Elders said 'Venity! Vanity! all supported by the despatch of the German is vanity and veration of spirit unto what squadron which left for the China station end? And medallions had become so ability of creating a monopoly of the camon Thursday, and which would hardly have been in readiness without premeditation .--P. and T. Times.

THE M.M. Co.'s steamer Saghalien, which arrived at Yokobams on the 15th Dec., met | of which the engines had to be stopped and the steamer proceeded under sail, arriving in port at 7 o'clock, only 22 hours late.

YE CHRONICLES OF YE CITY BY THE SEA.

And behold, about the period of the withering of the leaves, certain of the Bloods of the city connected with the racing of the untamed stoods of the desert gave a Banquet, and the leaders of the Cohorts and the Centurions and the tent-peggers and the pole wallshe attended the feast, and he whose name was like unto the snows of Kin-chin jungles was there.

of his native hills, yea even harder than the Grampians. And the younger men said one to another 'Let us make a diversion;' and they pledged him one after another with the liquor of the barley, which was potent and like unto the dew of the mountains.

And he drank cup for cup with them; and they marvelled, and said one to another 'What manner of man is this? Verily, with such a head he is fitted to be a ruler

And he, knowing what was in their minds, humoured them to the full; and behold he saw them all (under the tables), and he merely remarked 'Puir misguided craturs'.' Then he commanded with a stentorial

'Purdah!' which, being interpreted, signi-

loco dominus vobiscum.

stics of the sect that sitteth on seven hills. being of a foreign nation and jealous of the sects of the people of the city, laid their communication against those of the flock who gave alms to other denominations or who were known to have entered other temples than their own.

engendered thereby, and the needy were I the sufferers, for the people of the other sects closed up their purses, and would give nothing to the poor of the sect that had violated the great command. Now the men had but small sympathy for their cunning priests, who professed the doctrine 'that the end justifieth the means,' for they said, 'Behold this is a menace to the peace of our households." But the priests frightened the women, and quoted the words of sundry high dignituries of their cult. who, from political notions. had taken up the same attitude in the Isle of Greeneric in the Far West.

But the men they could not move: for they said, Behold thy thunderings are but vanity and lust of power. We are business men, and we will not have our Club players were themselves astenished at homes disturbed; therefore, Take heed.' scorn, and said, 'Behold the Christians.' who desire to teach us! How they love

And it came to pass that wars arose on the frontiers of Ind, and the soldiers of the purchase, to deal with the ground when the great Queen performed deeds of valour and heroism and the country was pacified. But the Chief of the Cohorts said, Surely letter was written, Mr Belilios was the Army must be increased, and he spoke making arrangements for taking over He was present in the Retribution at the words of great wisdom and the people were the old synagogue and the erection convinced and sundry of the orators arose of the new synagogue. What an absurdity the Second China War, for which he rein the Congregation of the people and they for Mr Belilios to write that letter if he ceived the China Medal. In 1882, as Flag exposed the misdoings of the great War had already planned and plotted out that Captain to Sir Francis Sullivan in the Department so that the people cried with a site with the two lots above it either for Inconstant, he took part in the Egyptian

the best man on the field, playing the people of the city by the sea had grouned the time, he was betraying the confidence eion, Admiral Fitzgerald received the Egyp ball with unabated vigour from start under the heavy heels of this Department the trustees in inviting them to attend that than Medal, the Khedive's bronze star, and

the team immensely. Wilson at centre do no more than protest, and this they were led the public who were attending that sale of the third class. He was appointed the team immensery. Wiscon at centre for ever doing, without result. And the to believe that the land was being bought Captain of the R. N. College, Greenwich, words of the wise Ministers of the Queen for a synagogue, and with the ordinary 1883-85, and was Aide-de-Camp to the fered from too frequent contact with this of Victory, for there are men of wisdom sturdy half. The forward line was very among them, were forgotton by the those sales refrained from competing for Admiral Fitzgerald is the author of a work younger men of the fighting cohorts and the sterling game at times, failed to combine older ones had been gotten by the Society his wings or to feed the side that had people of the City, whose mission was

which were copied by the young bloods of the City, who began to look down upon respect to this sale. It would be a distheir fathers as not of sufficient tone. for them. And things were relapsing into a worse state than ever had been

known in the City before. And the long-headed men from the Far North called a meeting of the elders, and they took council together and said. 'Why should there be bad feeling among the neople, for though distinctions are necessary among men to preserve due subordination. yet are we all of one race, owning allegiance to the colonists in a far distant land. all working for one end. Let us rejoice and promote good feeling among the people. And they did so, and they gathered the people together, and they feast good-natured game, the only prominent ed and danced to the great wind-ban Tubal Cain: and they consumed the interiors of many sheep and they drank of the finest dew of the mountains and the finest vintages of the Gauls, and they shouted 'Houch,' which means ten thousand drinks. And the Colony was overflowed with their wave of hospitality. Koren, their strangeness laying them open and the Ruler and the Great Nobles beto suspicion; as much as 5,000 yen has haved with delicacy and great tact, and been returned out of a recent shipment. they said Verily, these men deserve well for they have restored good feeling and THE P. and O. steamship Shanghai (freight have entertained us right regally. Great

But the younger generation only noute their lips, and gathered their robes about them, and said in their hearts. 'We I we are the salt of the Earth. majority of the people were not in sympathy with them.

And behold the Ruler caused medallions

of gold and of silver to be distributed among those who had the direction of the tory people attempt too much in their Ir is stated in certain quarters that many rejoicings for the Jubilee Reign of the ing that he was purchasing it for them. It rewarded. And there was much talk common in the land that the people set small store on them, excepting the bronze cross of the Great Queen for which men been created, with a view to increasing the strove to the death, and which is only. given to the doers of great deeds of bravery.

as that of The Great Queen.

on the tail of the alcoping Lion first ? And no one would venture, for they said, Of a surety his paw is mighty, and of a long reach. But sundry of his neighbours tried to annoy him by shooting pin-poir ted arrows at him when he slept; he only raised his head with a low growl, but his tail was quivering, so they did not dare to

rouse him further. But the Ministers of the Great Queen. gave orders for all the great warships, the oruisers, and the destroyers to assomble for review, and all save those on Foreign Stations assembled together off the Head of Spite, and never before had there been And his head was harder than the granite | seen anything to compare with such a bat-

And this was the answer of the People of the Great Queon to those who wanted to rob them of the things that they had gained by their own industry. And the Gauls were sore troubled in their minds, and they said to the Bear, 'Let us unite,' and they united. But the end is not yet.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION (Before His Hon. Sir John Carrington, - Chief Justice). Friday, Dec. 31.

A. GUBBAY AND OTHERS V. E. R. BELILIOS Mr J. J. Francis, resumed his address, and stated that before the Court closed on the previous day he had endeavoured to demonstrate, from the documents in the case and the facts brought out in evidence, that at the time Mr Belilios, instructed through Mr Danby, applied for the ground between the tranway and the nullah to be fleth 'Curtain!' And then he departed to | put up for public sale, he had it put up as his own vineyard, and sleep the sleep of the, agent for and represel ative of the Jewish just; for he had thrown dust on the smart | community and of the Committee which they had appointed for the purpose of Arsenal, have been found in possession of And next day the Ruler of the City, making arrangements for the construction who had also been at the feast, greeted him of a new synagogue, and that he was in arsenal. They were arrested and charged in these words: 'Dulce est desipere in construction of law on these facts alone with selling ammunition, similarly protrustee for them. Mr Cooper, in his letter | cured, to the extent of several hundred And it came to pass that certain ecclesia- of 12th June, 1896, stated that the Government had consented to the ground being put up, and in that document the liberty of conscience enjoyed by the other special condition referred to the erection of European buildings. The Government and heads together, and conspired as to how Mr Cooper understood Mr Danby's apthey could regain the lost power of plication for the land between the nullah priestcraft; and they issued a decree of ex- and the tramway in precisely the same from Peshawar district, under Colonel sense as Mr Danby himself and Mr Belilies. The special condition restricted the building to be erected to be of European design, and the building the Jewish com-And there was much bitterness of spirit | munity intended to put up was not a Chinese pagoda, but was a building within Lancers; and a Company of Sappers. the class known as European buildings. The letter written by Mr Moses, at the direction of Mr Belilios, to Mr Silas, stated that the site of the proposed synagogue was advertised for sale, and hoped that they would get the telegram from Mr Jacob Sassoon before the day of sale. and that the trustees would be present at the sale in order that there might not be any outside competition. ference to the site of the proposed synagogue, he submitted that that phrase was used in the letter, and must have been used in the same sense in which it appeared in all the previous correspondence and in all the previous architects' reports. It was perfectly clear that in many matters, the trustees, or the representatives of the Jewish community, whoever they were for And the heathen laughed these sects to the time being, were mainly bound by their architects as to what was the most con-

venient and suitable location, what was the area of the ground required, what was the most advisable method in which to make they got it and what sort of building was to be put up upon it. At the time this Colossus in the Baltic during the Russian terraces or a residence for himself. If campaign, for which he was mentioned in And of this there was great need, for the he had such ideas in his mind at despatches. For his services on this occasale to prevent competition and so enable the Medicion order of the third class. But they were in a minority, and could him to get the ground at a lower rate. He He also wears the Saxe Ernestine Order courtesy in such matters those who attend Queen from April, 1892, to February, 1895. that when a man has applied for a let for some purpose of his own to allow him And so they put on airs and graces to get it. He refused to believe Mr Belilios' statement made in the box with

honour and discredit to Mr Belilios if it did turn out to be true that in inviting these trustees to be present at the sale to prevent competition, he was buying the land for himself. He was doing a discreditable act if he was not at that time deliberately intending to purchase that ground for the Jewish community, and he refused to take his own word to the injury of his own character and reputation. Mr Belilies had made a mistake. They were perfeetly at liberty to infer that the non-attendance of the trustees was the result of inquiries made by Mr Silas, who ascertained that the ground was known as the lot to be applied for the erection of the synagogue. Under all these circumstances. both in equity and in law, was it not clear that Mr Belillos was a sot in now saving that he did not buy the land for the Jewish community, for by his letter, by his position on the Committee, he put the trustees off their guard, and prevented them from taking any steps to secure the land for the purpose of erecting a synagogue In point of law, Mr Belilios was purchaser of the ground. There was no contract be tween Mr Belilios and the Jewish community with reference to the land upon which they could have obtained any action. Thoy had been absolutely silent, and there was no acceptance of an offer on Mr Belilios' part, good, had or indifferent. He had simply told them that he was going to buy that land as a site for the synagogue. It was emphatically a confidence reposed in Mr Belilios by the Jewish community. and reposing that confidence in him they permitted him to purchase that land believ-

A JAPANESE vernacular paper states that the authorities of the Governor-General's office in Formosa are considering the desirphor business, in the same way as a Government monopoly of leaf tobacco had revenue of Formosa.

But the Ruler desired to please the peo- Carr. Carlyle, R.A., Inspector of Ordnance with an accident shortly after leaving Kobe. ple, and when he saw the result of his Machinery, has arrived by the Johnney, in One of the cylinders broke in consequence goodness he sighed in his heart and said, succession to Lt. (now Capt.) Paul, R.A. Verily, this is a stiff-necked generation! This is Capt. Carlyle's second tour of service Now, there came a time when the other in Singapore. He was (along with his nations of the earth became jealous of the friend, the late Capt. Byrne, E.M.L.I., who Nobody was injured. It is the opinion of prosperity of the Great Queen's people; and | died of wounds received at Benin) a valuable which carries relief crows for H.M.S. At. | the Captain and Chief Engineer, the Japan | they said one to another. Let us pull them | member of the Singapore Inter-Colonial Here'd says, that the break can be tem. down, and divide the spoil. And the team, and we trust when the next match is Station, arrived here from Portsmouth porarily repaired at Yokohams, and the mouths of these people watered, for there from Portsmouth porarily repaired at Yokohams, and the mouths of these people watered, for there from Portsmouth porarily repaired at Yokohams, and the mouths of these people watered, for there from Portsmouth porarily repaired at Yokohams, and the steamer will leave port, as scheduled, on was no nation so rich in worldly goods or place in the team. Capt. Paul is now the 26th Dec., and is expected to make the stalwart sons and daughters of pure hearts stationed at Chatham in succession to Capt. Carlyle, so these two officers have just Now the question arms who was to break | changed places, -Singapore Ares Press

ACCIDENT TO A. P. & O. COM-MANDER.

Yokohama, Dec. 22. A maty accident happened at the pier on Paesday afternoon whereby Cantain Tollook, of the P. & O. intermediate steamer Mulacca, received serious injury. He was ongaged watching from the pior the discharge of some iron rails when a sling broke and the loose steel wire end swung round catching Captain Pollock on the thigh. The force of the blow was so severe that the Commander fell down unconscious. He was picked up and conveyed to the General Hospital where he still remains. The Malacca left harbour this morning on its homoward voyage in charge of the chief officer .- Japan Mad.

LATE TELEGRAMS

" SUICIDE OF-AN OFFICER. Bombay, Dec. 8 .- Lieut. Walters, of the First Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, has committed suicide this making the fifth suicide in the regiment within fifteen months and the second amongst the officers in that period. - 32 Five suicides in a Regiment within fiftoen months-including two officers-must mean something rotten in the State of Don-

STRIKE AMONO B. I. S. S. OFFICERS SETTLED. Calcutta, Dec. 9.—A strike of officers of the Britsh India Company's fleet at Rangoon and Calcutta has been speedily settled by the Company granting the officers' demands. The principal grievances were alleged to be the reduction of pay and the curtailment of the number of pursers, leading to extra work.

THE INDIAN FRONTIER. Bombay, Dec. 9.—Dustat Lall, a clerk, and Golab, a khalassi, at Rawal Pind 500 rounds of ammunition, stolen from the rounds, to Pathans in the city, who convey it across the border. A correspondent at Maidan says that

some rifles, surrendered by the Afridia. were of Russian manufacture. Culcutta, December 11 .- An expedition is being sent into the Utman Khel country. A. J. F. Reid, to enforce the disarming of that tribe. The force will be composed of the 1st East Kent Regiment; the 21st Bengal Infantry: the 36th Sikhs: No. 8 Mount Battery ; a Squadron of the Bengal

Acring, as the phrase goesi on information received, Messra. G. P. Owen and D. Maw were out yesterday (says the Simapore Free Press of the 20th Dec.) at the 11th milestone on the Tampenia Road, when Mr. Owen succeeded in killing another tiger. the second within three weeks. The tiger, a full grown male, was first seen in a burnt blicker patch, and urged by the besters the beast came on straight towards Mr Owen, who was concealed on rising ground. Suspecting danger, however, he turned off to the left, and Mr Owen made a detour to intercept him. When next he came into view Mr Owen with happy despatch killed the tiger first shot, the bullet shattering the spine and partly penetrating the lungs, the animal o course dropping stone dead. A post mortem was made this morning with the assistance of Dr Middleton; when the extent of his injuries was ascertained, the victim, of course, being photographed.

ADMIRAL Fitzgerald was midshipman of the war, for which he received the Baltic Medal. bombardment of Nankin in 1858 during the land. It was the laudable custom called: Hints on Boat Sailing and Racing. of many respectable people in Hongkong Rear Admiral Fitzgerald attained that rank on the 20th February, 1895.

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Hongkong Register. Previous On date at On date a dayatep.m. 10 s.m. 80.09 **femberature** Direction of) Weather

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unual sports of the Taikoo Refinery, will take place at Quarry Bay to-

Loca night Service will be held in the church to-night, commencing at a peet eleven o'clock.

second of the representative matches en Stoddard's Eleven and All Austraamences at Melbourne to-morrow.

NESE native paper states that France ficially made a demand to the Japanathorities for the cession of the dores as a naval station. The stateis generally discredited.

Post Office will be closed on New Day and Monday, the 3rd January. ask and Kowloon may be posted up m. The night box will be kept open. Money Order-Office will be entirely l on both days.

ogrow being the first day of the New there will be no issue of the China On Monday, publication will coma about 2 p.m., and advertisers are efore requested to send in advertisea early in the morning to ensure tion in Monday's issue. In closing work of another year, we take this atunity of wishing our readers HAFFY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

resterday's meeting of the Sanitary l, as no complaints had been received the butchers in Kowloon suffered from cosing of the cattle depôt at Kowloon. Medical Officer of Health moved. mided by the President, that the cattle ot at Kowloon remain closed until a with the report was received from the Colonial erinary Surgeon. The motion was

WRITER in the Ostasiatische Lloyd says The South Shantung mission is the only man Mission in China, a lost corner of been held aloft up to the time of this kong hible disaster.' Surely this is a mistake. for the outrage in the Fokien Province, on the pomptly revenged at the instance of the Government in 1896?

ed. stated by a Singapore journal that Diam's Singapore to Hongkong, a distance of ning at 1,450 miles, the Powerful is to be run d Jan her propelling machinery as near full Calcute as possible; and it is anticipated that or this of will make the passage in about three thing points to a continued steady increase a han an which will give an average speed of or Kobe et over 20 knots per hour, or 231 ew Your miles. If she does this against the or this porsoon, it will be good going. oth Dec.

noon of Colonial Surgeon, Penang, and Municted here and Health Officer, on further examinthe 27th man shipped at Bombay, who was re-Sated sick with slight but suspicious sympason 13th, the day after leaving Colombo, nay he see one of 'aborted plague.' The man, e on the the symptoms being first observed on Ingchoto, and, was at once isolated.

sidered the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease he 7th dis seriously affected the milk supply of ka Colony. Mr Kenndy's two depôts have by been closed, and to prevent the further amuleft Bonad of the disease a large number of to arrive thinese cowsheds have been shut up. It is very fortunate, however, that the Dairy and the Company are now prere at noof ned to give a full supply to their numerous expected sustomers.

Dur readers may remember the announcepeaking Jant some time ago of the issue of a native ki garrisol apanese newspaper at Taiwanfoo. with rever am that both the editor and the contridermanal for of a paragraph criticising Governheat officials in Formosa are now languish.

dered for in prison, where they will continue to aval Schor swish for two and three months respecpecial rie rely. If criticism of Government officials mittee. c squadrofere a crime in Hongkong, we are afraid asupply of prison editors would speedily 10 per cen come exhausted.

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peting on Jake is a wonderful silence in the Japanre applicate press regarding Japan's probable ac Company in the event of an actual partition of hina by the European Powers. apanese Government is in constant tele- W. Robinson & Co. the pupilaphic communication with its Ministers School thoad, and is obviously waiting further The Times of Ceylon states that H.M.S. on, in the velopments before manifesting its policy; of Newcastle, with her cargo of petrogoodly ned it is a safe assumption that the Japan- leum oil on fire, and,

two two of the Powers. distributed our one o'clock to-day (says the Singa-) Hengkong ordering the Grafton to proto officers and men are ordered to be on Stewart. to Mrs Billissel leaves at eight o'clook. The torpedo- Bombay Oil Company. It appears that

nd to Mr. best destroyers Fame and Whiting are building of merhauling their boilers, and it is consi- for the ship's use. Some was spilled and gordered up to Hongkong, in anticipation of Rouse the arrival of the Powerful here, they will reemcon. on in convoy of the Powerful. With

Fige Climber now made good her defects and leaves of raising the necessary how callful at chair convenient to Hongkong. Let ginkahote torqu's.

THE charge of assault preferred by Francis de Louz, against F. A. Pearson, overseer with P.W.D., was dismissed, to-day, by Mr H. E. Wodehouse, at the Magistracy.

We hear that Mr A. R. Marty has bought the two steamers about which so much trouble has arisen in the Bennertz case. It is also believed the trouble is over, and Mr Jack leaves shortly to Shanghai to take over the one there.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.'] LONDON, 29th December, 1897.

DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT. M. Pichon, the French Minister at Rio Janeiro, has been transferred to Peking.

from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence RECRUDESCENCE OF THE PLAGUE

IN BOMBAY, There is a serious recrudescence of the plague in Bombay,

BYE ELECTION. Lord Charles Beresford, the Unionist Candidate, replaces the late Sir Frank Lockwood as member for York City.

[This is a Unionist gain. -At the Geneal Election of 1895, Mr Butcher (Conservative) was elected at the top the poll, with Sir F. Lockwood (Liberal) as his colleague, the defeated candidate being Mr A. E. Pease.—Ed., C.M.]

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF CRETE. Russia proposes Prince George of Greece for the Governorship of Crete.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory :--

On the 31st at 11.30 a. Pressure is China coast where a further fall of the baromoter has occurred. Gradients slightgenerally. Forecast: -moderate N.E. winds; misty, some light rain.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-WAYS CO., LTD.

The thirteenth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong High-Level Trainways empire where the banner of Germany Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the Company's Registered Offices, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central. Mr Hart Buck presided. The others present were :- Messra J. Orange with at about the Basel Mission? And what and C. Ewens (Consulting Committee) H. Humphreys, H. Wicking, G. Murray

Bain, and A. H. Mancell. Mr H. Humphreys read the notice

convening the meeting. The Chairman said, Gentlemen, The report has been in your hands for several days, so with your permission I will take it as read. You will be pleased to find that our returns are steadily increasing, and we are this year able to pay a dividend of ? per cent. against 6 per cent. last year. think I can safely say that almost everyin our earnings, particularly as the new road now in course of construction will open up Magazine Gap and its locality to the Tram service. The closing of the Mount Austin Hotel has, of course, been a loss to us since 1st October, but when it is again inhabited we expect to more y, from karn says the Singapore Free Press that than recover any loss that has been sustained. I do not, however, wish shareholders to take too sanguine a view of the future for we must bear in mind from Stronger at Bombay, who was rethe cable, costs us about 1 more than it did when we first took the management of the Company. The price of coal also has considerably increased and we do not anticipate any reduction of prices for some time to come. At the same time we feel confident that shareholders will continue to receive a steady return on their investments. Before moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts I shall be pleased to

answer any questions. Mr Murray Bain-Can you tell us any thing about what arrangements you have made with regard to a new superintendent for the Company ?

The Chairman-I am pleased to say that we have appointed who we consider a very good man as superintendent in place of our lam's stations have been declared free of late superintendent. That is Mr C. B. Buyors, who is at present acting as chief engineer on the Fushun. He is a gentleman well known to nearly everyone on the coast, and particularly by some of the prominent residents in Hongkong. He has been particularly recommended to us, and I think we have been very fortunate in

getting his services. No further questions being asked, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts. Mr Murray Bain seconded.

The Chairman-I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Mr C. Ewens Mr J. Orange as Consulting Com-

Mr Mancell seconded.

The Chairman-That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen, To-morrow being a bank holiday; we will issue the dividend warrants on Monday morning. Thank you for your attendance.

Local Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1.00.-

dren had repress is being restrained from making impossible to save her, the crew was the your mments which might lead to ill-will with was, however, seen that the Edenmoor was in the fairway of vessels, so with some difficulty she was riddled with shot and sunk. The Edenmoor was in charge of Captain George C. Laurensor, forc Free Press of the 21st inst.) an urgent and the crow numbered 15. Her regisdelegram was received from Admiral Buller | tered tonnage was 2,000, and the port from Batoum to Karachi, and had with all despatch to that Port. All cargo of refined petroleum oil, 112,480 cases of 4 gallons each. The owners of the vessel are Messrs Walter Runciman & ud by seven o'clock to-night, and the Co., and the consignees of the cargo the going to the engine-room to draw some oil staging in the engine-room, and, since the Local Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, dered probable that, if the Edgar is also took fire. This set fire to some wooden engine was soon enveloped in flames, it was, of course, impossible to work the structed in such a dangerous way would not THE Singapore Free Press of the 20th inst.

THE UNSETTLED STATE OF TONKIN.

PARTIAL STOPPAGE OF TRADE. Private advices from Hanoi state that the country round Hanoi is in a very unsetthe restoration of order and the reasser. bands of robbers are still raiding the country have been broken up.

THE PHILIPPINE REBELLION. A SENSATIONAL BUMOUR.

It is stated that the Spanish steamer Uranus, at present in Hongkong Harbour, has been chartered by the Spanish Government to convey Emilio Aguinaldo and a party of the rebel leaders to a place of safety; that Aguinaldo and his compatriots are now in Hongkong; and that they are to receive a sum of a million and a Shanghai Bank.

We publish the rumour for what it is sources, but our enquiries have failed to elicit either confirmation or contradiction.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR That one is tempted to make retrospective glances at the end of a year, but after better and more wholesome thing to do. deal of forward-gazing in this Farther -East-and but little of our British action is at vet visible.

That when one remembers the fact of our possession of Hongkong for over half a century, and that so little has been done to open up Southern China, the result rather tells against our vaunted spirit of enterprise. hat the mineral resources of South China

still lie dormant, although practically at our very doors, and yet the Chinese Govenment looks as if either bankruptcy or disruption were soon to overtake it. That there can be no question our policy of non-intervention and complacence has proved, to be a failure, and has undoubt-

edly served the Chinese people very apparently resolved to adopt a more decided and practical policy -some call it a predatory attitude, -although little well-authoritizated news reaches us.

That beyond the feeling, which seems to be general, of our determination to secure a naval base up North, to look after the Yangtsze Valley, and to take the Two Kwang under our wing, no new developments can be safely predicted. That, as I have repeatedly said, there is little likelihood of real trouble arising

out of the proposed forward movements of the Continental Powers in China. That if the British Government is forced to take action by way of securing rights bilities have been all duly weighed. That in wishing the Chinese Government a

happy New Year, one can scarcely refrain from the remark that the High Authorities have themselves to thank for most of their troubles. That the extension of the Hongkong boun-

overlooked or overshadowed by the larger eminently festive, and I hear that the

well-to-do attitude of the residents is an indication of the presence of sound financial conditions, spite of the depreciated

posals were made by way of a 'send off. That it was at first proposed to give a St George's Ball, but this would have left was abandoned. That subsequently it was suggested all

His Excellency a big farewell ball.

before the Governor's embarkation.

money can accomplish. That one is sorely tempted to criticise the part taken in this alleged transaction by the payers as well as the payees. That they do things very differently, under Spanish rule, from what would be done

under British administration, so perhaps the least said the soonest mended. That it may now be taken for granted the great-little Synagogue case is the most protracted in the history of the Hong-

kong Supreme Court. That as yet no one has anything to do with its merits save 'my Lord the Chief have to devote some time in wrestling with the product of the sixteen-days'

That it may be said the Zicawei Observatory people attempt too much in their marvellous system of storm signals, but if they protest (or forevast) too much, it | certainly shows a most laudable desire to meet the requirements of the shipping

That the so-called storm-warnings in vogue in Hongkong are, in comparison of those of Shanghai, utterly beneath contempt. That I heartily wish all your well-wishers, and even all our enemies (if we have

A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. BROWNIE.

Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1.00.-W. Robinson & Co.

Ingrains to Singapore, her condensers went wrong and the therefore went into Colombo, by Oralleaning into that Port at dr. knots. She was no made and be necessary now made and the original personal to the next made and the original personal necessary now made and be necessary now made and the original personal necessary now made and the original personal necessary n

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG P.C. v. KOWLOOM P.C. This match was played at the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon in favourable weather. There was a fairly large concourse tled condition. Chinese morehants from of spectators, amongst whom were Majorthe surrounding districts are afraid of General Black, Commodora Holland and Banquet, and the leaders of the Cohorts travelling to the capital, and there is a par- Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial and the Centurions and the tent-peggers tial stoppage of trade with the provinces. Secretary. A good game was expected, and the pole wallahe attended the feast, Merchants will not order goods in large and additional interest was given to the and he whose name was like unto the quantities; and appear to be waiting for game by the fact that this was the first snows of Kin-chin jungles was there. meeting of the Clubs this season. Since tion of the power of the Executive. Small they last met, both teams have undergone of his native hills, yea even harder than the material alterations, and it is generally Grampians. And the younger men said one districts, but the large predatory gangs supposed that both are now stronger. Those who expected to see a first-class exhibition of 'socker' were sadly disappointed. At the outset, the Kowloon forwards indulged in short sharp passes and speedily worked the ball down to the Club goal. miss-kick by C. T. Kew (who was playing and they marvelled, and said one to another at back) let the Kowloon centre forward in, and he banged the ball into the net, Davis. (the Club. custodian) failing to reach the ball, which cannoned of men. unfortunately off Mayson, the other back A goal within the first minute's play sent up the spirits of the Kowloon, supporters, who imagined that all their men had to do hold he saw them all (under the tables), was to trundle the ball ong and score as many goals as they inted. As it haphalf of dollars through the Hongkong and pened this was the buly point scored craturs. throughout the game. For the first period, Kowloon kept the ball amost continually in Club territory. Their combination, worth. We have endeavoured to obtain however, was far from perfect, and numwalland erous chances were thrown away foolishly. fence was fairly strong. Mayson played ex- just; for he had thrown dust on the smart ceedingly well at back, and F. H Kew. Looker and Slade played hard at half- And next day the Ruler of the City, back, although Slade and Kew were who had also been at the feast; greeted him The forwards were lifeless. In the second all, looking forward is probably the in the earlier portion, but showed an

period, the play was more evenly dividutter lack of combination in front of goal. and the numerous chances given the forwards | sects of the people of the city, laid their normal in the South, and in defect on the That politically, we have been doing a great by Wilson and Ritchie were thrown away. As the game progressed, the Club forwards they could regain the lost power of improved. Mackay on the right wing and priestcraft; and they issued a decree of ex-Danby on the left put in some welcome dashes of spirited play, especially Danby, who was opposed by Kowloon's weakest half-back (Smillie). Had Danby and Noble sent the ball hard across the goalmouth the Club should have scored about this time; but too often they allowed themselves to be robbed by the opposition backs. Twice, with the ball bobbing about in the goalmouth, it looked any olds on the Club equalising, but the goalkeeper (Burrell) saved well. For carrying the ball on one occasion, the Kowloon goalkeeper was penalised. This was altogether a wrong

decision, and it would have been very unfortunate for Kowloon had the Club scored. As it was, Looker, in trying That Russia, Germany and France have to avoid the goalkeeper, kicked against and Burrell saved luckily at the expense of a corner. It may have been that the referee, who discharged his duties exceedingly well from start to finish,

saw an infringement of Rule 13 which was not palpable to the spectators, but the Club players were themselves astonished at receiving a penalty kick. Just before the finish the Kowloon players played with more dash, Ritchie, Board and Winch being mainly responsible for the improvement in the play, but Davis and Mayson defended well and no further scoring

The game was a disapointing one. Much was expected at Kowloon, and they fell far to counterbalance those of other powers, below expectations. Still, they were best I believe the possibilities and proba- side; and with more practice together will improve upon previous performances. Their backs were tested more than in any match this season; - Both _lesci broved none too strong. resource when pressed. Kowloon's strength lay at half-back. Ritchie was by far the best man on the field, playing the dary on the mainland may have been ball with unabated vigour from start to finish. Some hints from him and possibilities which now present them- adaptation to his style of play would help

the team immensely. Wilson at centre fancy Head (the Club centre forward) suffered from too frequent contact with this sturdy half. The forward line was very disappointing. Duncan, whilst playing a sterling game at times, failed to combine That our Governor leaves us just one his wings or to feed the side that had month hence, and I hear several pro- the best opportunity to get away. The right wing had most of the play in the first half, but its combination was nover so good as that on the left. The goalkeoper out the Scotch and Irish residents, so it is a first-class man, good alike with hands or feet. Davis did not have much to do in the Club goal considering that Kowloon nationalities should join forces, and give pressed for two thirds of the game. What he got to clear he got away all right. He That it soon became known the Governor | could not have saved the goal scored by purposed giving a 'farewell' dance at Duncan. Mayson, at back and Dunby for-Government House, and the idea of ward were the best men on the Club side. giving a public ball was consequently Mackay had the misfortune of being pitted That I believe the 'farewell' will now take ment of Mackay's play,

against Ritchie, and it is no disparage. the form of an address from the Come it was at times, to say that he was munity, to be presented in the City Hall not good enough for Ritchie. The Club was lucky in getting off so cheaply; but the That there is no end to the power of team will play with more confidence when money, and if your news be correct they next meet Kowloon. It was a pleasant, about the million and a half dollar pre- good-natured game, the only pronunent sentation to the leading insurrectionaries | blemishes being an inexcusably frequent of the Philippines, a fresh instance be- use of hands by Smillie (Kowloon) and comes apparent as to what strange things a dangerous tendency to duck by C. T. Kew (Hongkong).

> JAPAN's new gold coins are not popular in Korea, their strangeness laying them open; to suspicion; as much as 5,000 year has been returned out of a recent shipment.

THE P. and O. steamship Shaughai (freight) ship) is expected to arrive in Singapore Peace be unto them. about January 5th ... She brings two officers with its merits save 'my Lord the Chief Yorkshire Regt.; 1 Warrant Officer, 7 majority of the people were not in Justice, and it is pretty clear he will N.C.O.'s and men of the Medical Staff sympathy with them. Corps, and one N.C.O. of the Gymnastic

> portions of the barracks now being occupied Great Queen; many of these who got lying ready for transportation in Shanghai | gold, and those who got none said, 'Behold before the massacre of the missionaries, those who have done nothing have been suggesting that the occupation was previously planned and prepared for. This is precisely our view of the case, and it is But the Elders said 'Vanity 'Vanity all supported by the despatch of the German squadron which left for the China station on Thursday, and which would hardly have been in readiness without premeditation .-P. and T. Times.

THE M.M. Co.'s steamer Saghvilien, which arrived at Yokohama on the 15th Dec., met with an accident shortly after leaving Kobe. One of the cylinders broke, in consequence of which the engines had to be stopped and the steamer preceded under sail, arriving in port at 7 o'clock, only 22 hours late. Nobody was injured. It is the opinion of

YE CHRONICLES OF YE CITY BY THE SEA.

And behold, about the period of the withering of the leaves, certain of Bloods of the city connected with the racing of the untamed steeds of the desert gave a tail was quivering, so they did not dare to

And his head was harder than the granite to another ' Let us make a diversion;' and they pledged him one after another with the liquor of the barley, which was potent and like unto the dew of the mountains.

And he drank cup for cup with them; What manner of man is this? Verily, with such a head he is fitted to be a ruler And he, knowing what was in their

minds, humoured them to the full; and beand he merely remarked 'Pair misguided' Then he commanded with a stentorian

voice in the language of the Hindoo 'Purdah!' which, being interpreted, signit must be said, however, that the Club do- his own vineyard, and slept the sleep of the

Club in-these words: 'Dulce est desipere in loco dominus vobiscum.

And it came to pass that certain ecclesiastics of the sect that sitteth on seven hills. heing of a foreign nation and jealous of the liberty of conscience enjoyed by the other heads together, and conspired as to how communication against those of the flock who gave alms to other denominations or who were known to have entered other temples than their own. And there was much bitterness of spirit

engendered thereby, and the needy were the sufferers, for the people of the other sects closed up their purses, and would give nothing to the poor of the sect that had violated the great command

Now the men had but small sympathy for their cunning priests, who professed the doctrine that the end justifieth the means,' for they said, "Behold this is a menace to the peace of our households. But the priests frightened the women, and quoted the words of sundry high dignitaries of their cult, who, from political notions. had taken up the same attitude in the Isle of Greeneric in the Far West. "But the men they could not move: for

they said, Buhold thy Handerings are but vanity and lust of power. We are business men, and we will not have our homes disturbed; therefore, Take heed. And the heathen laughed these sects to scorn, and said, Behold the Christians who desire to teach us! How they love

And it came to pass that wars arose or the frontiers of Ind. and the soldiers of the great Queen performed deeds of valour and heroism and the country was pacified. But the Chief of the Cohorts said, 'Surely the Army must be increased, and he spoke making arrangements for taking over He was present in the Retribution at the words of great wisdom and the people were convinced and sundry of the orators arose in the Congregation of the people and they exposed the misdoings of the great War loud voice, 'Reform, Reform.'

people of the city by the sea had groaned under the heavy heels of this Department | the trustees in inviting them to attend that | tian-Medal, the-Khedive's bronze star, and for years, and knew that it was rotten. But they were in a minority, and could do no more than protest, and this they were That the Christmas season has been pre- half was also a tower of strength, and we for ever doing, without result. And the words of the wise Ministers of the Queen of Victory, for there are men of wisdom among them, were forgotton by the younger men of the fighting cohorts and the older ones had been gotten by the Society people of the City, whose mission was

And so they put on airs and graces i which were copied by the young bloods of the City, who began to look down upon respect to this sale. It would be a distheir fathers as not of sufficient tone for them. And things were relapsing into a worse state than ever had been l

known in the City before. And the long-headed men from the Far North called a meeting of the elders, and they took council together and said. 'Why should there be bad feeling among the poople, for though distinctions are necessary among men to preserve due subordination. yet are we all of, one race, owning allegiance to the colonists in a far distant land all working for one end. Let us rejoice and promote good feeling among the people. And they did so, and they gathered the people together, and they feasted and danced to the great wind-bag of Tubal Cain; and they consumed the interiors of many sheep and they drank of the finest dew of the mountains and the finest vintages of the Gauls, and they shouted 'Hooch,' which means ten thousand drinks. And the Colony was overflowed with their wave of hospitality, and the Ruler and the Great Nobles behaved with delicacy and great tact, and they said 'Verily, these mon deserve well, for they have restored good feeling and have entertained us right royally. Great-

But the younger generation only pouted and 85 men of the R.A.; eighteen N.C.O. s their lips, and gathered their robes about and eight rank and file of the R.E.; two them, and said in their hearts, 'We we officers, 113 N.C.O.'s and men of the West are the salt of the Earth.' But the

And behold the Ruler caused medallions of gold and of silver to be distributed among those who had the direction of the It is stated in certain quarters that many rejoicings for the Jubilee Reign of the by the German force at Kiao-chow, were silver said, 'Of a truth we should have had rewarded. And there was much talk and excitement among the young people. is vanity and vexation of spirit, unto what end?' And medallions had become so common in the land that the people set small store on them, excepting the bronze cross of the Great Queen for which men strove to the death, and which is only revenue of Formesa. given to the doers of great deeds of bravery.

on the tail of the sleeping Lion first? And no one would venture, for they said, Of a surety his paw is mighty, and of a long reach. But sundry of his neighbours tried to annoy him by shooting prorpor ted arrows at him when he slept; he only raised his head with a low growl, but hi rouse him further.

But the Ministers of the Great Queen gave orders for all the great warships, the cruisers, and the destroyers to assemble for review, and all save those on Foreign Stations assembled together off the fload of Spite, and never before had there been seen anything to compare with such a bat-

And this was the answer of the People of the Great Queen to those who wanted to rob them of the things that they had gained by their own industry. And the Gauls were sore troubled in their minds, and they said to the Bear, Let us mite, and they united. But the end is not yet.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. (Before His Hon. Sir John Carrington, Chief Justice). of Friday, Dec. 31.

A. GUBBAY AND OTHERS P. E. R. BELILIOS 'Mr J. J. Francis resumed his address, and stated that before the Court closed on the previous day he had endeavoured to demonstrate, from the documents in the case and the facts brought out in evidence. that at the time Mr Belilios, instructed through Mr Danby, applied for the ground between the trainway and the nullah to be ling to extra work. fieth 'Curtain!' And then he departed to | put up for public sale, he had it put up as agent for and representative of the Jewish community and of the Committee which and Gulah, a khalassi, at Rawal Pindi they had appointed for the purpose of Arsenal, have been found in possession of making arrangements for the construction | 500 rounds of amununition, stolen from the of a new synagogue, and that he was in arsenal. They were arrested and charged construction of law on these facts alone trustee for them. Mr Cooper, in his letter of 12th June, 1896, stated that the Guvernment had consented to the ground it across the border. being put up, and in that document the special condition referred to the erection of European buildings. The Government and, were of Russian manufacture. Mr Cooper understood Mr Danby's application for the land between the nullah and the tramway in precisely the same sense as Mr Dauby himself and Mr Belt-The special condition restricted the building to be erected to be of European design, and the building the Jewish community intended to put up was not Chinese pagoda, but was a building within the class known as European buildings. The letter written by Mr Moses, at the direction of Mr Belilios, to Mr Silas, stat-

ed that the site of the proposed synagogue was advertised for sule, and hoped that they would get the telegram from Mr. Jacob Sassonn before the day of sale, and that the trustees would be present at the sale in order that there mucht not he any outside competition. With reference to the site of the proposed synagogue, he submitted that that phrase was used in the letter, and must have been -used in the same sense in which it appeared in all the previous correspondence and in all the previous architects' reports. It was perfectly clear that in many matters, the trustees, or the representatives of the Jewish community, whoever they were for the time being, were mainly bound by their architects as to what was the most convenient and suitable location, what was the area of the ground required, what was the most advisable method in which to make the purchase, to deal with the ground when they got it and what sort of building was to be put up upon it. At the time this Colosses in the Baltie during the Russian letter was written, Mr Belilios was Department so that the people cried with a site with the two lots above it either for Inconstant, he took part in the Egyptian And of this there was great need, for the he had such ideas in his mind at despatches. For his services on this occahim to get the ground at a lower rate. He He also wears the Saxe Ernestine Order

that when a man has applied for a lot for on the 20th February, 1895. some purpose of his own to allow him to get it. He refused to believe Mr Belilios' statement made in the box with honour and discredit to Mr Belilios if it did turn out to be true that in inviting these trustees to be present at the sale to prevent competition, he was buying the land for himself. He was doing a discreditable act if he was not at that time deliberately intending to purchase that ground for the Jewish community, and he refused to take his own word to the injury of his own character and reputation. Mr Belilies had made a mistake. They were purfeetly at liberty to infer that the non-attendance of the trustees was the result of inquiries made by Mr Silas, who ascertained that the ground was known as the lot to be-applied for the erection of the synagogue. Under all these circumstances. both in equity and in law, was it not clear that Mr Belilios was a sot in now saying that he did not buy the land for the Jewish community, for by his letter, by his position on the Committee, he put the trustees off their guard, and prevented them from taking any steps to secure the land for the purpose of creeting a synagogue. In point of law, Mr Belilios was purchaser of the ground. There was no contract between-Mr Belilios and the Jewish community with reference to the land upon which they could have obtained any action. They had been absolutely silent, and there was no acceptance of an offer on Mr Belilios part, good, bad or indifferent. He had simply told them that he was going to buy that land as a site for the synagogue. was emphatically a confidence reposed in Mr Belilios by the Jowish community, and reposing that confidence in him they permitted him to purchase that land believing that he was purchasing it for them. was as clearly and emphatically a trust on a nothing but a trust as it was possible to imagine any transaction of that sort.

the authorities of the Governor-General's office in Formosa are considering the desirability of creating a monopoly of the camphor business, in the same way as a Government monopoly of leaf_tobacco had l been created, with a view to increasing the

But the Ruler desired to please the peo- | CAPT. Carlyle, B.A., Inspector of Ordnanco ple, and when he saw the result of his Machinery, has arrived by the Jelunga, in goodness he sighed in his-heart and said, succession to Lt. (now Capt.) Paul, R.A. Verily, this is a stiff-necked generation!' This is Capt. Carlyle's second four of service Now, there came a time when the other in Singapore. He was (along with his nations of the earth became jealous of the friend, the late Capt. Byrne, E.M.L.L., who prosperity of the Great Queen's people; and | died of wounds received at Benin) a valuable the Captain and Chief Engineer, the Japan | they said one to another Let us pull them | member of the Singapore Inter-Colonial which carries rener crows for n.m.o. Ar. Herid says, that the break can be tem- down, and divide the spoil. And the team, and we trust when the next match is cher, Linnet and Peacock, of the China remained at Yokohama, and the mouths of these mounts are trust when the next match is

ACCIDENT TO A. P. & O. COM-MANDER.

Yokohama, Dec. 22. A nasty accident happened at the pier on Tuesday afternoon whereby Captain Pollock, of the P. & O. intermediate steamer Malarca, received serious injury. He was engaged watching from the pier the discharge of some from rails when a shing broke and the loose steel wire end awang round catching Captain Pollock on this thigh. The force of the blow was so severe that the Commander fell down unconscious. He was picked up and conveyed to the General Hospital where he still remains. The Medicina left barbour this morning on lits homeward voyage in charge of the chief officer. - Japan Mail.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

SUICIDE OF AN OFFICER. Bondary, Dec. 8.- Lieut, Walters, of the First Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, has committed suicide, "this making the fifth suicide in the regiment within tifteen months and the second amongst the officers in that period.

| | Five suicides in a Regiment within fifteen mouths Sincliding two officers - mustmean something rotten in the State of Don-STRIKE AMONG B. I. S. S. OFFICERS SETTLED.

Calcutto, Dec. 9 .- A strike of officers of the Britsh India Company's fleet at Rangoon and Calcutta has been speedily settled by the Company granting the officers' demands. The principal grievances were alleged to be the reduction of pay and the curtailment of the mimber of pursers, lead-

THE INDIAN FRONTIER. Bombin, Dec. 9.—Duscat Lall, a clerk. with selling amounition, similarly procured, to the extent of asveral hundred rounds; to Pathans in the city, who convey

A correspondent at Maidan says that some rifles, surrendered by the Afridis,

Calcutta, December, 11 .- An expedition is being sent into the Utman Khel country. from Peshawar district, under Colonel A. J. F. Reid, to enforce the disarming of that tribe. The force will be composed of the lat East Kent Regiment; the 21st Bengal Infinitry; the 36th, Sikha; No. 8 Mount Battery | a Squadron of the Bengal Lancers; and a Company of Sappers,

Actino, as the phrase goes, on information received, Messrs. G. P. Owen and D. Maw were out yesterday (says the Singetpore Free Press of the 20th Dec.) at the 11th milestone on the Tampenia Road, when Mr. Owen succeeded in killing another tiger, the second within three weeks. The tiger, a dull grown male, was first seen in a burnt blaker patch, and urged by the boaters the beast come on straight towards Mr Owen, who was concealed on rising ground, Suspecting dang however, he turned off to the left, and M Owen made a detour to ntercept him. When next he came into view Mr Owen with happy despatch killed the tiger first shot, the bullet shattering the suiffer and partly ponetrating the lungs, the animal o course dropping stone dead. A post mortem was made this morning with the assistance of Dr Middleton, when the extent of his injuries was ascertained, the victim, of course, being photographed.

Apwirst Fitzgerald was midshipman of the war, for which he received the Baltic Medal. the old synagogue and the erection bombardment of Nankin in 1858 during of the new synagogue. What an absurdity the Second China War, for which he refor Mr Belilios to write that letter if he ceived the China Medal," In 1882, as Flag had already planned and plotted out that Captain to Sir Francis Sullivan in the terraces or a residence for himself. If campaign, for which he was mentioned in the time, he was betraying the confidence | Bion, Admiral Fitzgerald received the Egypsale to prevent competition and so enable the Medjidich order of the third class. led the public who were attending that sale of the third class. He was appointed o believe that the land was being bought | Captain of the R. N. College, Greenwich, for a synagogue, and with the ordinary 1883-85, and was Aide-de-Camp to the courtesy in such matters those who attend | Queen from April, 1892, to February, 1895. those sales refrained from competing for Admiral Fitzgerald is the author of a work the land. It was the laudable custom | called: Hints on Boat Sailing and Racing. of many respectable people in Hongkong Rear Admiral Fitzgerald attained that rank

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Hongkong, December 27, 1897.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'saki, THURSDAY, Jan. 6, Inland Sea and 1898, at noon. Yckohama)

City of Peking (via) TUESDAY, Jan. 25, S'hai, N'saki, Kobe Inland Sea, Yokoat noon. hama & Honolulu) China (via Shanghai,

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Jonesny, No. 7, Proya Contral. J. S. VAN BUREN, Agaist, Bougheng, December 28, 1897.

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Cargo and Specie will be received un board until 5 p.m., on Monday, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office, until Noon, on Monday, the 3rd January. Contents-of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in The Steamer has splendid Accommodation

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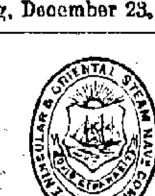
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N WEDNESDAY, the 5th January, NATIONAL PARK route. 1898, at Noon, the Company's Steam ship SALAZIR Capt. PAUL, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will luave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

with the s. s. Polynésien, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 16th January, 1898, direct toSUEZ, PORTSAIDand MARSEILLES. -Cargo-and-Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilies; and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted till

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Superintendent. . & O. S. M. Co. a Office, Hongkong December 30, 1897. 2558

H. A. RITOHIE,

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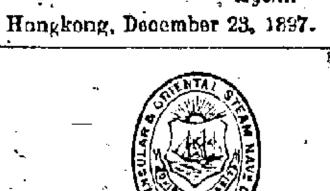
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SOME AUSTRALIAN MARRIAGE

FACTS. The New South Wales census taken on April 5, 1891, showed at that date there were in the Colony 141,656 married couples living together. The majority of the marriages had been contracted by persons between the ages of 20 and 31, but in some cases there was a great disparity between the ages of the contracting parties, and the figures also disclose not a few very youthful unions. For instance a child of 14 years was married to a man over 22 years of age; two girls of 15, to men over 30 years of age; and two girls of 16, to men over 40 years of age. In three cases of wives aged 17 years still greater disparities were observable; in two of the cases the husband being over AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW 60 years, and in the third case over 70 years of age; while it was also disclosed that three girls of 19 were married to men over 50 years of age, a woman under 30 to a man over 80, and a woman under 40 to a man over 85 years old. On the other hands in several cases, the wife was a great deal older than the husband. Thus, two women over 75 years of age were mated with men under 45 ; a woman ever 70 was married to a man under 40 ; and another, over 60, to a man not yet 30 years of age. Three husbands were set down as over 100 years of age, and there were five wives over 95 years of age. The youngest husbands were three of 17 years, each of whom was married to a girl slightly older than himself; in fact, the united ages of the three couples only amounted to 108. The youngest) wife was 14 years; there were 12 wives of 15 years of age; and ninety-two of 16 years of age. The average age of husbands was 4.1 50 years, and that of wives 37.90 years, showing a difference of four

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years and a half in favour of the wives.

The average age of widows was 55 years.

There were 8 widows under 20 years of

age; 4,091 between 20 and 40 years of age;

A4,417 between 40 and 60 years of age;

ages were not stated.

10,227 over 60 years of age; and 56 whose

sometimes been the case) he would have heen an ordinary man like ourselves if he had not taken the trouble to be born an Emperor, we always like to hear how he lives, what his house is like, and where he gets his clothes. Not that the German Emperor would be

commonplace anywhere. His mysterious outbursts of rage, his officially contradicted illness or illnesses, and his genius for selfadvertisement would bring him into notice wherever he was. But though we hear so much about his love for show in public, few people know how simple his private life is. - Yet it is a fact that a great deal of the solemn etiquette of the ordimary Court life has been done away with, the staff reduced in several ways, and there have even been economies in the kitchen. The officers of the guard have to put up with beer instead of champagne It is true the menu at the Emperor's table must be in German now, not French, but the aristocracy generally have not followed There are things even a German

But anyone who sees the Royal Palace knows that the stories of extravagance are true. Restoring it was the work of three months, and everything that the hest a science and art and the tax-payers' money could do was done. Those three months turned out a palace that eclipses in splendoor almost any other in the world. The apartments that the present Emperor uses are those between the 'Pillar Hall' and the 'Star Hall, or 'Chamber,' whichever we would call it in English, only in this case the stars are in the ceiling. But perhaps the most magnificent is front hall, the Treppen Halle, which faces the Palaces Square. A view can be had without opening the doors, for they are each of one immense pane of glass, and even in the day-time the white and grey marble covering the wall is effective. At night it is a marvellous sight, the electric light flooding the hall, the marble balustrades, and the red carpet on the marble steps. You pass down these, between colossal mirrors on either hand and the Star Hall is directly in front. It is

here the regimental colours are used as

ornaments for the walls, on a background

of red damask. The panelling is done in rich rococo work. The Emperor's and Empress's private apartments are near the Pillar Hall, which also faces the Palace Square. There is a private entrance and a public one, for deputations and so on. One gets as good an idea of the general extravagance from the Emperor's workshop, or study, as anywhere else. True, there are the writing table, the leather-covered furniture, and the bookshelves, but the ceiling is in aplendid white and gold rococo work-done in Frederick the Great's time-and late improvements been made in the same[style and colour. The walls are in dark olive and gold brocade. Here the inventions are made, pictures painted, dismissal of Cabinets signed, and telegrams composed. It will be a historic room. The Empress's private rooms are also very line. Her receptionroom has more of the immense inirrors. and the walls are panelled in greenish-grey

केल्हां के के बार girlhood - a nonentity. All these apartments have been lying unused for many years -- since the time of Frederich Wilhelm III., in fact. The Court life in public resembles that of most other countries; the dinner is the most moticeable difference. It lasts barely threequarters of an hour; courses come and go like lightning, and, as at Napoleon's table, a man who gives too much time to talking may find himsélf extremely hungry when it is over. "One of the great entertainments is the time-honoured ball at the end of my freangs, but I should like to thank-you. | the Carnival, where as many as twelve Your lozenges have done wonders in relieving hundred guests have been invited. The my terrible cough Since I had the operation of waltz is the principal dance, and the minuet was lately introduced. The Emperor and Empress just join in one quadrille, but the ball is for them more of a big reception they make their rounds of the guests in the White Hall' before dancing begins.

marble. Yet she herself is the ordinary

German Hausfrau, and is what she has

been a painfully upright and automatic Fashionable people in Berlin annuse one that it is a surprise to hear how themselves-in the season-with sledging many, people—especially French people and skating, and there is also the canter NEW -declare, that not so many years ago round the riding-school. There is no need ! testimony to your excellent pre aration of Cough he was as gay as most Continental to describe the other Royal residence at Lorences, and I have presented it now for the princes, even after his marriage. book called 'Le Cour de Berlin' larged on this subject a year or two ago-a work, by the way, which is as simpler home life, the cold and formal apshameless a bit of plagiarism, rather translation, as ever was perpetrated. There is no doubt about his love of sport. To the Englishman the hunting he does in ledge him to be-a mystery. - Wedminder the woods near Berlin seems rather made-. to-order, with the elaborate netting and Gazette. army of beaters, not to mention the crowds

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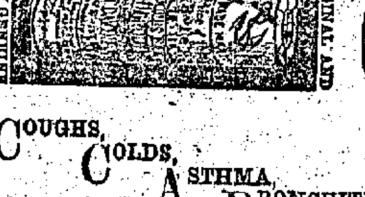
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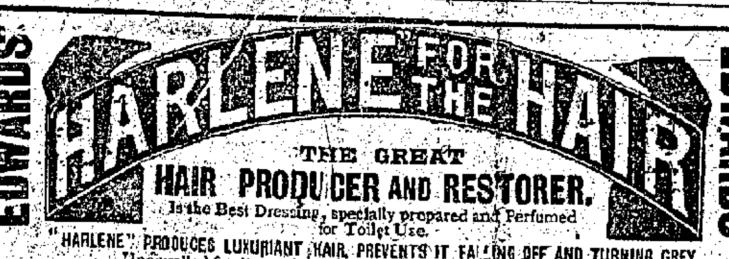
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